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For: LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) and is in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 1999, the Advisory Action mailed February 22, 2000, and the Notice of Appeal filed February 9, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on April 9, 2000.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment subsequent to entering the unentered After Final Amendment filed February 9, 2000.

The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 3 and 6 as follows. The remaining claims are reprinted, as a convenience to the Examiner, as they presently stand before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including the Amendment filed February 9, 2000.

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